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TO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MILI, ML, UV

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER TO U.S.

REF: A. OUAGA 364; B. BAMAKO 535

1. WE DO NOT AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD INFORM GOUV IN ADVANCE  
OF MALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE DOUKARA'S PROPOSED VISIT  
TO WASHINGTON. FIRST, OUR POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO MALI-  
UPPER VOLTA TENSIONS ARISING FROM THE BORDER DISPUTE HAS  
TO THIS MOMENT BEEN ONE OF STRICT NEUTRALITY AND EVEN  
ALOOFNESS. BECAUSE WE ENJOY AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH BOTH  
PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE  
OR NECESSARY TO INFORM EITHER PARTY IN SUCH DETAIL OF OUR  
ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OTHER. WE CAN  
SEE NO MORE JUSTIFICATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO THE GOUV  
DOUKARA'S PROPOSED VISIT THAN FOR VOLUNTEERING TO THE GOM  
THE FACT THAT THE VOLTANS HAVE BEEN PRESSING US FOR ARMS

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ASSISTANCE/COMMERCIAL SALES SINCE LAST DECEMBER. OF  
SECONDARY IMPORTANCE, BUT WORTH CONSIDERING NEVERTHELESS,

IS RISK WE WOULD RUN OF ANTICIPATING A VISIT WHICH MAY NOT OCCUR. DOUKARA HAS THREATENED TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE, OUR LATCH KEY WAS OUT AND SUPPER WENT COLD ON THE STOVE. THIS COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

2. FYI AND ON IF-ASKED BASIS ONLY: THIS VISIT WAS IN FACT PLANNED SOME TIME AGO AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DOUKARA DESIRES TO DISCUSS WITH US SAHELIAN RELIEF MEASURES ONLY. END FYI.

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